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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 25, 2003 in the above-referenced case, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following Remarks, that address all of the rejections outstanding in the case.

Remarks

Claims 43-49 are pending in the present application, and were examined in the Final Office Action. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the claims, as pending, is attached as an Appendix.

There are only two rejections remaining in the case; Applicant addresses each in turn below.

Rejection for lack of novelty